

diametrical direction thereof crease portions, respectively, and said tubular body having at opposite edges in a longitudinal direction thereof lateral sealed portions, respectively, and at least one of said crease portions having a first tearable zone in which said oriented film has perforations, which are covered with said non-oriented film, said first tearable zone capable of being torn at longitudinal different positions, and said longitudinal sealed portion being located on a back surface side of said packaging bag, the improvement wherein:

[at least one of said crease portions has a first tearable zone in which said oriented film has perforations, which are covered with said non-oriented film, said first tearable zone being capable of being torn at longitudinal different positions;]

said longitudinal sealed portion [is located on a back surface side of said packaging bag and] has a second tearable zone in which said oriented film has perforations[, which] that are covered with said non-oriented film, said second tearable zone being capable of being torn at longitudinal different positions;

said second tearable zone has a length in a longitudinal direction of said packaging bag, which length is identical [with] to or longer than that of said first tearable zone; and

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an upper edge of said second tearable zone is located in a same level as or above an upper edge of said first tearable zone and a lower edge of said second tearable zone is located in a same level as or below a lower edge of said first tearable zone.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-8, as amended, remain in the case.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Okada in view of Bunch. The rejection is respectfully traversed if applied to the claims as amended.

Claim 1 has been revised to provide a preamble section before the "wherein" recitation in the claim where known features of a packing bag are stated. The section following the "wherein" in the claim has been amended to provide an improvement section clearly to set forth the unique (and patentable) features of the present invention. The two bracketed parts after "wherein" in the original claim have been moved to the underlined preamble section.

Okada describes a packaging bag. Okada's second tearable zone (i.e., perforation line 34) is provided at a portion 28 of the bag, which is adjacent to the longitudinal sealed portion (i.e., edge 24). Such a description appears in Okada, at page 391, the last